

Abraham Lincoln papers

From A. L. Knapp and C. H. Knapp to Abraham Lincoln, June 5, 1849

Jerseyville June 5th 1849

Dear Sir

I took from the Post office this morning a Letter addressed to my Father from you at Springfield of June 3d¹ My Father having gone to California and knowing that in a matter of the kind about which you wrote; every thing that would be in his power to do would be gladly done, my Uncle C. H. Knapp and myself have procured the names of the most prominent Whigs of this county as far as time would permit, which we enclose herewith. If the Letter which we send should in the least contribute to your success, our exertions would be more than rewarded, and in thus doing we not only experience a pleasure ourselves but feel that we are but carrying out the wishes of the Docter in this matter.

¹ By early June, 1849, Lincoln was personally mobilizing support from Illinois Whigs in behalf of his candidacy for the commissionership of the General Land Office. See *Collected Works*, II, 50-54

Accept the assurance of our best wishes for your success, and beleive me We remain

Very Respectfully

Yours

A. L. Knapp

C H. Knapp.

P. S

We have taken the liberty of signing the Docter's name to the communication enclosed.